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Ms Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 92-105

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In the letter filed with the Commission in this docket on October 25, 2002, BellSouth reported that it had taken the steps required to deliver 911 calls and was in fact delivering all 911 calls that enter the BellSouth network to either a designated PSAP or to an appropriate local emergency authority in all but two of the counties served by BellSouth in its nine-state region. This letter is to inform the Commission that BellSouth is now in full compliance with the requirements of the *Fifth Report and Order* in CC Docket No. 92-105.

On November 13, 2002, the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC") designated the Catahoula Parish Sheriff's Office to be the designated recipient of any 911 calls dialed in that parish. A copy of the letter that the LPSC sent to the Catahoula Parish Sheriff's Office informing it of its designation is attached to this letter. On the same day, the LPSC designated the Red River Parish Sheriff's Office to be the designated recipient of any 911 calls dialed in that parish. A copy of the letter that the LPSC to the Red River Parish Sheriff's Office informing it of its designation is attached to this letter. On November 14, 2002, BellSouth completed the switch translations required to route such calls to the designated recipient in both parishes.

Please call me if, after reviewing this report, you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Kathleen B. Levitz

Attachment

cc: Louise Klees-Wallace

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Sheriff Ronnie Book
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Re: Designation of a Public Safety Answering Point to Receive Calls Using the "911"
Abbreviated Dialing Code

Dear Sheriff Book:

Pursuant to our earlier discussion today, I have received the attached letter from BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") requesting our immediate assistance in designating the appropriate local emergency authority in Catahoula Parish, Louisiana to receive emergency calls that are dialed using the "9-1-1" code.

As you are probably aware, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") has implemented regulations under the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999, Pub. Law 106-81 ("the Act"). In Section 3 of the Act, codified at 47 U.S.C. §251(e)(3), Congress established the abbreviated dialing code "911" as the universal emergency assistance number. In its Fifth Report and Order in CC Docket 92-105 ("the Order"),¹ the FCC assumed oversight of the transition from 7- and 10-digit emergency numbers to the use of the "911" code. 16 FCC Recd. at 22,267-22,269.

The FCC specifically ruled that telecommunications carriers are required to transmit all 9-1-1 calls to a designated public safety answering point ("PSAP") (where one has been designated), to a designated statewide default answering point, or to an appropriate local emergency authority. Id. at 22,272-22,275, paras. 20-25. The FCC has also reiterated that Congress placed an obligation on telecommunications carriers, such as BellSouth, to deliver all calls made using 911 code without

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regard to whether local emergency service agencies have implemented the use of the code as the emergency number. 16 FCC Recd. at 22,275, para. 27.²

The FCC has adopted a transition plan whereby telecommunications carriers and state and local public safety authorities in those parishes that have not yet converted to the use of the 911 code would cooperate in coordinating the routing necessary to deliver 9-1-1 dialed emergency calls to an appropriate local emergency authority. In particular, carriers and state and local authorities were required to have agreed on which local emergency authority should receive calls using the 911 abbreviated dialing code and have completed all translations and routing necessary to deliver the 9-1-1 dialed calls to such authority by September 11, 2002. In the event no resolution can be reached in the routing of such calls, the FCC's order requires the selection of an appropriate emergency agency to handle these calls.

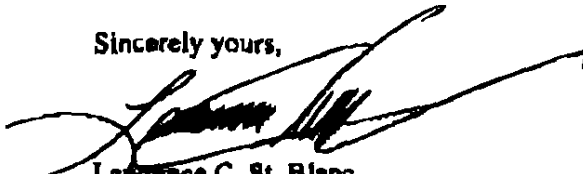
Since Louisiana does not have a "state authority" within the meaning of the FCC's Order, the FCC asked Governor Foster to identify a central point of contact for 911 in the state of Louisiana. By letter dated April 22, 2002, attached, Governor Foster designated the Louisiana Public Service Commission (LPSC) as its central point of contact for 911 matters. As a result of this appointment the LPSC notified BellSouth that it would work toward resolution of this matter by November 13, 2002.

Accordingly, the Catahoula Parish Sheriff's office has been identified to act as the local emergency authority and receive all calls made using the 9-1-1 code within your parish. Therefore, by copy of this letter, we are informing you that the Act mandates BellSouth immediately begin translation and routing changes to its switches in Catahoula Parish to deliver 9-1-1 dialed calls to you by November 14, 2002. No signed agreement is required with your parish to proceed with the implementation of the FCC's mandate.

This arrangement will provide a seamless, nationwide emergency communications infrastructure as prescribed by the FCC. Your interest and your role in transitioning to 9-1-1 as the universal emergency telephone number is a major contribution in the promotion of public safety. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your prompt consideration of this matter.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions in this matter or if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely yours,



Lawrence C. St. Blanc
Executive Secretary

cc: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc
Commissioner Dale Sittig
Commissioner Don Owen

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November 13, 2002

Sheriff Buddy Huckaby
Red River Parish Sheriff
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Coushatta, LA 71019

Re: Designation of a Public Safety Answering Point to Receive Calls Using the "911" Abbreviated Dialing Code

Dear Sheriff Huckaby:

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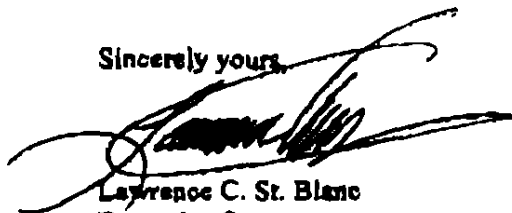
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